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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 and 23-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-21, 15-21 and 23-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-8, 10-21 and 23-26 are amended and claims 22 and 26 are canceled in the amendment filed on 05/05/2006. Claims 1-21 and 22-26 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. The amendment filed on 05/05/2006 has overcome the 101 rejection. The 101 rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The amendment filed on 05/05/2006 has overcome the 112 rejection. The 112 rejection is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Winterbottom (US. Patent No. 5,724,512).

Regarding on claim 1, Winterbottom discloses a method for constructing and caching a chain of file identifiers in a computing system environment, the chain of file identifiers representing a full path to a file system resource the method comprising the steps of:

Processing a file system resource's defined name (DN) into a file identifiers (FID) and defined name database (name space) (col. 3, lines 38-40);

Retrieving from the defined name database a first file identifier for a first file system resource, the retrieved file identifier corresponding to a defined name of the first file system resource (retrieving a file name) (col. 3, lines 52-53);

Adding the retrieved first file identifier to a chain of file identifiers, the added file identifier being the first file identifier in the chain (each of the filenames retrieved from the path data structures are appended to the front of the generated path name) (col. 3, lines 58-59);

Retrieving a next file identifier for a next system resource in a full path of the first file system resource (the next file name is retrieved from each resource) (col. 3, lines 36-40);

Adding the retrieved next file identifier to the chain (each of the filenames retrieved from the path data structures from each source are appended to the front of the generated path name) (col. 3, lines 58-59); and

Repeating said step of retrieving a next file identifier for a next file system resource and said step of adding the next retrieved file identifier to the chain until a file identifier for each file system resource in a full path of the first file system resource is

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added in the chain (retrieving the file name and the pointer to the path data structure associated with the parent file from the identified path data structure; and following the retrieved pointer to the path data structure associated with the parent file and repeating the previous retrieval step until the root of the directory of the hierarchical file system is reached) (col. 3, lines 52-57).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-13, 15-21 and 23-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Baoquoc N. To whose telephone number is at 571-272-4041, or unofficial fax number for the purpose of discussion (571) 273-4041 or via e-mail BaoquocN.To@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached at 571-272-4107.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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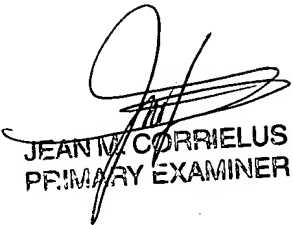
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